Mr. William Lilly's

Most Judicious and Learned Astrologer of the Age:

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From his Secret Writings, Penned by him in 1644.

The former of which, exactly pointing at the Times, by Foretelling the Mischief, Danger and Misery these, and other Protestant Kingdoms should be exposed to, by the Crafty Counsels and Treacheries of the *Romish* Priests, and by what means their Deliverance should be wrought.

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The second, Intimating the Decay and Ruine of a Great Family, *&c.* To which is added, a Propheſie of *Ambroſe Merlyn*, of above 1000 years ſtanding.

SInce Time is generally accounted the Mother of Truth, we may well conclude, That many weighty Matters have frequently lay'n in Obſcurity, and altogether unregarded, till their Effects have manifeſted them to the World. And this has been more ſingularly apparent, as well by the propheſies in Sacred Writ, as by the Foreſight and Predictions of the Learned and Judicious, tho not peradventure inſpired with ſo large a Spirit of Divination, which in all *Ages* have been taken Notice of, and *Regiſtred* in the Hiſtories and Records of the more curious Obſervers of Times and Seaſons in the Events of ſuch Predictions, many of which

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[illegible] Ferrous, have exactly come to pass; and amongst others, especially of the Modern, there have been none more worthy of Observation, or requiring a stricter Scrutiny, than those of MR. WILLIAM LILLY, the Merlin of his Time, and Famous Astrologer: One of which more peculiarly, as we conceive, pointing at the present Times, we thought not amiss to communicate to the Reader; therefore take it in the following Account *verbatim*, as it was abstracted from his Curiosities and secret writings penned by him in the Year 1644.

THE PROPHECY.

I *Conceive that privately, and underhand, by Lyes, Treacheries, feigned and dissembled Treaties, and Embassadors, and by the Lying of the* Jesuitical *Faction all over*

Europe, *the true Protestant Religion shall be infinitly distressed, and the heavenly intentions impedited, and all those Countries professing* Protestanism *exceedingly molested by so secret and close a Compact of Villains and False hearted Traytors, lurking in the Bosoms and Closets of Princes, that many will think that Popery and Papism shall return to its old seat in every Countrey; but that it never will in these our Kingdoms: For God will miraculously by means of some young Prince, or Commonality of People, discover and bring to Light, the close mystery of all those Plots, that from the Year 1603. until above 50 Years be accomplished, shall involve (at times) all* Christendom *in most bloody Broils.*

Thus far as to his first Prophesie, pointing at the present Condition of this Disordered Kingdom, too much involved

in misery, by the Craft and Insinuation of the *Romish* Clergy, who, to enrich themselves, and bring about the Designs they evidently have of Re-establishing their erroneous Religion, carried on by their violent Counsels, and illegal Practices, to what Hazard, Danger, or Ruine they expose the Prince and People. Nor to what Cruelty they proceed were they not restrained by a powerful Providence in compassing, or designing to compass their wretched purposes. But not to Comment upon that, which has been but too apparent to the Eyes of all discerning people, we proceed to a second Prophesie, or Prediction of *Mr Lilly*, more dark and occult than the former, submitting it to the Judgment of the Reader, and strict Search and Enquiry of those that are curious to pry into the Volumes of Fate:

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Man, as followeth.

WO to great Unity in Europe, that was, is now, but shall not be. It's not Old, it's not Ancient, but like an untimely Birth, it's cut off, and shall not flourish in Branch or Root. Lord God, shall the Number of Fifty, cut off more than Five? Shall less than Ninety, be allowed for Four? Shall the Virgin be Barren, and the Lyon have no Issue? Shall the Second end in a Cypher? And Seven come to be One, and then None?

Thus much for this Prediction, (which indeed is very obscure, either as to the Family, or Country) being only limited to *Europe*; but to what part of *Europe*, we must leave to Conjecturals, as not being capable

capable of determining, the thing being as yet to come; For since the writing of this Prediction, or Prophesie, we have not heard that any Family of extraordinary Note and Grandeur, has been extinguished in *Europe*; Nor do we, by reason of the Number of 90, therein mentioned, conclude it already come to pass, but rather expecting the Time of its accomplishment.

A Prophesie of *Ambrose Merlyn's*, left by him above One thousand Years since.

LONDON (says he) *should bewail the Loss of Her Twenty Thousand Men, and the River of* THAMES *should be turned into Blood.*

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This Indeed is to the Ruin of the [illegible] ral [illegible] Rivers [illegible] was ever turned into [illegible] Nor can it be, but by some extraordinary Slaughter either upon it, [illegible] Peace and Unity in our Days, that in the true Faith and Fear of Him, we may live happy the remaining part of our Lives in [illegible] throw the established Religion, Laws, and Protestant Unity of these flourishing Kingdoms.

POSTSCRIPT.

Five [illegible] of [illegible] PROPHECY [illegible] Name because kept in his Family Sixty Years [illegible]

[illegible] shall [illegible] the Saddle [illegible]
And Furiously to ROME shall Ride.
The [illegible] shall have a Fatal Fall,
And never trouble more WHITEHALL,
Nor ENGLAND's People more Enthrall.

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